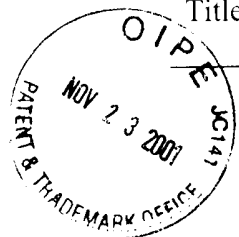


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 20, 2001, said period of response being extended from October 27 to November 27, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.



Respectfully submitted,

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